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C O N F I D E N T I A L MANAMA 0909

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS : MARR, BA

SUBJECT : MIDDLE EAST FORCE STATUS

REF : STATE 184148 (NOTAL)

1. REFTEL'S RECONFIRMATION STATE 183078 (NOTAL) WAS HELPFUL TO MY REASSURING FOREIGN MINISTER IN AUGUST 5 MEETING OF INTENSITY AND URGENCY OUR HIGH LEVEL REVIEW OF MIDDLE EAST FORCE QUESTION. HE PLEADED ONCE MORE FOR EARLIEST POSSIBLE RESPONSE BUT SEEMED IMPRESSED THAT THIS QUESTION GETTING HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION IN WASHINGTON. I EXPLAINED 1971 DECISION TO KEEP MIDDLE EAST FORCE IN GULF HAD BEEN PRESIDENTIAL/NSC DECISION AND I COULD ASSURE  
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HIM MIDDLE EAST FORCE QUESTION IS REGARDED IN USG AS A MATTER

OF CONSIDERABLE IMPORTANCE.

2. EARLIER IN DAY I HAD TAKEN OPPORTUNITY OF COURTESY CALL ON AMIR TO LOBBY HIM ABOUT IMPORTANCE OF FLEXIBILITY IN HANDLING GOB DECISION TO LIMIT MIDDLE EAST FORCE PRESENCE TO 1977. HIS RESPONSE WAS THAT GOB "HAPPY TO BE ABLE TO RENEW NAVY'S PRESENCE FOR TWO YEARS". HE ADDED THAT HE HOPED SITUATION WOULD PERMIT GOB TO "RENEW PRESENCE FOR TWO YEARS AFTER THAT, AND THEN FOR TWO MORE YEARS," AND SO ON.

3. COMMENT AND RECOMMENDATION: IT APPEARS INCREASINGLY CLEAR TO ME THAT GOB, SERIOUSLY CONCERNED ABOUT ITS DOMESTIC/ POLITICAL SITUATION, IS DOING WHAT IT FEELS IS THE BEST IT CAN DO FOR US UNDER THE CIRCUMSTANCES IN A SPIRIT OF CLOSE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE U.S. I WOULD NOT LIKE TO HOLD OUT ANY FALSE HOPES ABOUT GOB'S ABILITY TO "RENEW THE TREATY" BEYOND 1977 BUT I SEE NO SENSIBLE ALTERNATIVE TO ACCEPTING GOB'S DECISION IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN MADE.  
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